

Department and the officer has been asked to pay particular attention to get the estimates ready in time. The Irrigation Engineer is George Attokkaran.

Expenses under Irrigation.

237. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what was the total amount spent by the Government annually under the head irrigation to help paddy cultivation in the whole State during the last 10 years; or (if that is too laborious a task) in the last quinquennium;

(2) how much of it was spent in each taluk;

(3) what is the assessment per acre of the land so helped with irrigation facilities;

(4) what is the total outlay on the Chittur irrigation works;

(5) what is the total cost of the Karuvannur bund construction; maintenance and reconstruction from its starting up to the present year;

(6) what is the extent of land protected and irrigated by the Karuvannur bund construction work;

(7) what was the cost of acquisition of land required for the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of the bund;

(8) what is the assessment per acre of the land protected by the Karuvannur bund?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) and (2) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 529 of the Meenam sitting of the Legislative Session of 1104.

(3) The assessment varies from Rs. 2-8-0 to Rs. 11-4-0.

(4) It is very difficult to gather the required information as the works have been in existence for a very long time.

(5) The outlay from 1091 to 1103 is about Rs. 92,806.

(6) 2235.36 acres.

(7) It is not possible to furnish a correct answer to the question as the references lie in a number of files spread over a large period.

(8) The assessment varies from Rs. 3-8-0 to Rs. 6-8-0 per acre.

238. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) the name of the officer in charge of irrigation work in the State;

(b) the total amount annually budgetted in the last 7 years for irrigation work;

(c) the amount actually spent yearly in the period referred to above, giving separately the amount lapsed annually;